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WILTONA: STOP-GAP HOUSING MOVES

By John Dixon

New moves are under way to have the Wiltona 'White Elephant' Hostel made available for emergency housing.

The Victorian Housing Commission will be pressed to buy the hostel, in Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown, from the Commonwealth Government.

As an alternative, the Commonwealth Government will be asked to release to responsible welfare authorities blankets, furniture and fittings from the hostel.

The moves come after an inspection of the hostel last week by representatives of district municipal councils, welfare organisations and church welfare groups.

Footscray, Sunshine, Williamstown and Altona councils, some with welfare officers; the Western Region Committee on the Ageing and Sunshine Methodist Mission delegates were included in the inspection party.

Footscray Council's welfare officer, Mr. Harry Thomas, said yesterday the lack of use of the hostel and its fittings was a disgrace.

Thousands of blankets, new lounge chairs, tables, chairs, mattresses, washing machines, cooking utensils and hundreds of other items were lying unused in the neat units the hostel comprised, he said.

And there was a crying need among hundreds of needy western suburban people for these items.

Emergency housing was available at the hostel for about 1000 people, he said, but the facility was not being made available.

"Only spiders"

A few houses originally built for hostel staff were occupied by members of a commando unit and there was a resident caretaker, Mr. Thomas said. "But apart from this, the only occupants are spiders."

"It's enough to make you cry," Mr. Thomas said. "It's a bloody disgrace."

In addition to the housing units, there was a three-room child minding centre, mess hall and sports centre.

He said he understood the Commonwealth Government was "anxious to unload it" so would probably make it available to the State Government at a reasonable figure.

The hostel was offered to Williamstown Council late last year for \$1,900,000.

Williamstown Council was opposed to its use for housing, Mr. Thomas said.

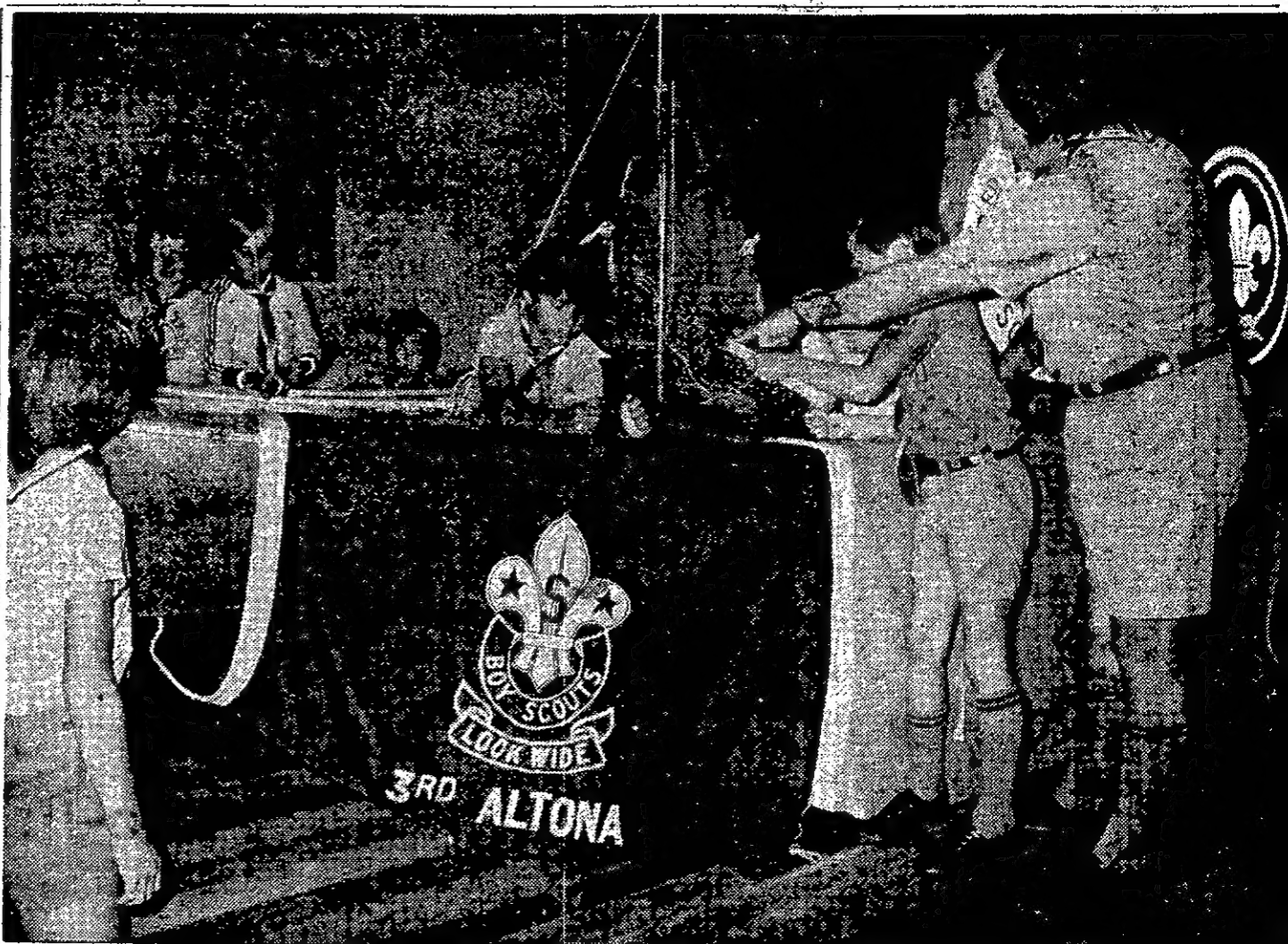
But he stressed the proposed usage if the Housing Commission could be influenced to buy it would be to provide short-term accommodation.

Providing accommodation at a nominal rental, for a term of about 12 weeks, would give the opportunity for people living on deserted wives and other pensions to save enough for a bond and advance rental on a house or flat.

It was understood the locality of the hostel, close to the Altona petrochemical complex was not the most desirable, Mr. Thomas said.

"But I know hundreds of people who would jump at the chance to live there while they found something permanent," he added.

An emergency housing centre on the other side of Melbourne was in such demand it could not accommodate all the people wanting to use it.



Tip fire risk, so early close

Deliberately lit fires have prompted Altona Council to close the city's rubbish dump an hour earlier each day from April 1.

The fires have burned continually since late in January, the council's general purposes committee reported last week.

"There appears to be little doubt that some of the fires were deliberately lit," the committee report said.

They have been the cause of concern to council staff, and to residents in Altona Meadows and Laverton.

The fires have occurred over an extensive area of the tip and in various spots since late January.

"The desire of people to light fires, and the likelihood of getting them established would be considerably reduced if all rubbish were covered at the end of each day," the report said.

"To do this, the bulldozer operator should remain at the tip for up to a half-hour after the last load of rubbish is delivered, to ensure that all rubbish is compacted and covered with soil."

The city engineer, Mr.

Ralph Simmons, recommended to the committee that the tip close at 4 p.m. every day, instead of 5 p.m. as presently occurs.

He said Footscray Council closed its tip at 4 p.m. during the week,

at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays.

"Sunshine council's tip closes at 4 p.m. on week days, 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays," he added.

Cr. Bill Sommers and Cr. Les Crofts moved in

committee that the council agree to close the Altona tip at 4 p.m. on all days, starting from Friday, April 1.

The move was unanimously agreed to at last week's meeting of the whole council.

Three clinics, cafe

Three clinics — medical, dental and veterinary — a restaurant and a health studio are planned for the Altona North shopping complex in Millers Road.

Stirling gets nod

The MLA for Williamstown, Mr. Gordon Stirling has received Labor Party endorsement for the next Legislative Assembly elections.

A Labor spokesman said at the weekend a suggestion by Mr. Stirling's Liberal opposition at the last State election that Mr. Stirling's future could be in doubt was incorrect.

Altona Council has given its "approval in principle" for the complex, which is proposed for the corner of Millers and Duosa roads.

The application for approval in principle came to council's general purposes committee earlier this month from L. Grollo and Co.

Council was told the company is considering buying the nursery site to build a complex housing the clinics, restaurant, health studio and service premises.

Councillors agreed to the approval providing the proposal is advertised "in order to give the public

and interested parties the right of objection".

Cubs and scouts from the 3rd Altona group have been using all their spare time to prepare a float for Altona's "big parade" down Pier Street at noon on Sunday.

The boys and their leaders, Mr. Charles Bunting and Mr. Rex Muir, will take part in the parade, and then spend the rest of the day at Operation Recreation at Cherry Lake.

The cubs were hard at work, under Mr. Muir's eye, when our photographer called last Friday.

Operation Recreation, which will begin with the parade, will involve more than 40 district sporting and recreational clubs.

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It isn't the prettiest view of the sea at Williamstown, but it's the one a lot of people get on The Esplanade at Point Gellibrand.

Someone has used the foreshore as a quick and easy rubbish dump for a trailer-load of guttering, old roofing iron and disused concrete.



FAMILY DAY FOR SCOUTS

A family day for the 1st Altona scouts will be held at Cherry Lake on Sunday, April 3, starting at 11.30 a.m.

Cubs to be invested during the day are David Ferry, Mark Blazko and Gary Downey. A "going-up" ceremony, in which

cubs become scouts, will also be held.

The boys taking part in this ceremony will be Paul Bridges, Dale Matthews and Steven Harris.

Scouts to become venturers are Greg Douglas and Andrew Carruthers.

The Founders' Day service held recently included Bible readings by Paul Bridges, Craig Mur-

ray and Ruth Oberegger. Flag bearers were Dale Matthews and Andrew Carruthers and Alan Dix.

At the last meeting of the auxiliary, officers elected were: President, Mrs. Betty Hatley; vice-president, Mrs. Paula McLeod; secretary, Mrs.

Lois Turner; assistant secretary, Mrs. Joan Mills; treasurer, Mrs. Dot Bridges; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Carmen Smith.

Empty bottles can be left at the scout hall beside the side gate in Civic Parade. Money raised by the sale of the bottles goes towards hall upkeep.

Outlets opens up its doors

Outlets, at 43 Mason Street in Newport, went into operation earlier this month, offering the community activities ranging from china painting to home handyman skills.

Outlets is Williamstown's first neighborhood recreation centre.

Activities available at the centre are—

MONDAY: 10 a.m. basic cookery. A play group for children is also provided.

TUESDAY: 10 a.m. morning coffee discussion group; 1 p.m. crochet class.

WEDNESDAY: 9.30 a.m. china painting, 1.30 p.m. Home handyman skills.

THURSDAY: 10 a.m. craftwork, including batik and tie-dyeing.

Child minding facilities

are available each day at the centre.

Evening activities planned so far include a book discussion group, at 8 p.m. on the third

Wednesday of each month, and basic ballroom dancing, which is still to be arranged.

Fridays at the centre will be open days — anyone will be able to drop in for coffee and a talk.

Sue Gould, co-member of the Outlets co-operative, said yesterday the com-

mittee is still anxious for people throughout the community to help manage the house and its activities.

"This is a project designed to involve the whole family," she said.

"Anyone, male or female, who can pass on basic skills or crafts is needed urgently."

Enquiries on any aspect of Outlets should go to Sue on 391 7473, or Rosemary on 397 8013.

Your rates at work

Altona's city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, reported the following municipal works throughout the district at the last meeting of councillors.

Swimming pool at Lynch Reserve: The pool was officially opened on Sunday, March 27, and was available for swimming by the public from 7 am on Monday.

Floodlighting of the car parking area and planting of trees and shrubs in the vicinity of the building is proceeding.

Kindergarten and infant welfare centre at Altona Meadows: The centre was opened to children attending the kindergarten on February 23.

The installation of playground equipment is almost complete and per-

manent fencing along the boundaries of the property is expected to be undertaken by contractors within a few weeks.

Athletics pavilion at Grant Reserve: Steelwork for the roof was completed. Steel decking is about to be fixed.

Resurfacing of pavements: The section of Millers Road between Kororoit Creek and Civic Parade was sealed by contractors employed by the Country Roads Board.

Re-sheeting with bituminous concrete is planned in Blackshaws Road between Broadway

and Millers Road, in Blyth Street between Millers Road and Pier Street, in Esplanade between McBain Street and Webb Street, in New Street and in Primula Avenue.

Remedial works of sections of these streets has been or will be undertaken prior to the re-sheeting work.

Public tennis courts — Grant Reserve: Excavation and spreading and compaction of fine crushed rock was completed for the base of two asphalt tennis courts on Grant Reserve north of the youth club building.

Sewering of council properties: The laying of a sewer adjacent to the Altona Youth Club building is in progress.

The Board of Works is providing branch connections on the sewer that runs along the western boundary of Grant Reserve to enable the hockey pavilion and the new athletics pavilion to be connected to the board's sewerage system.

Easter Tuesday no holiday

Altona Council has refused to grant employees a holiday on Easter Tuesday.

Mr. R. Coles, general secretary of the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union, wrote to council to ask for the holiday on April 12.

"Trusting your authority will give the request favorable consideration," Mr. Coles added.

The city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, recommended that the council adhere to conditions in the Municipal Employees' Award.

"Easter Tuesday is not included in the 11 public holidays listed in the award," he said.

Councillors on Tuesday night unanimously agreed with the engineer's comments.

Mayoress to help the aged

Williams town's mayoress, Mrs. Esther Lalor, intends forming an auxiliary next week to help the Ferguson Street Elderly Citizens' Club.

She has called a public meeting for 2.30 pm in the clubrooms on Thursday, March 21, to form the auxiliary.

The group would play an important role through forming friendships with the elderly, helping deliver midday meals, and taking club members on outings.

Leave from kinder

Mrs. Val Self, director of the Somers Parade Kindergarten, has been given confinement leave by Altona Council.

She has asked for leave from the end of term one of this school year to the end of term two next year.

A relieving director will be sought by council for Somers Parade until the end of this year.

Shoppers' parking plan deferred

A plea from Civic Parade shopkeepers in Altona for the council to consider the traffic and parking problems around the shopping centre had to be deferred on Tuesday night.

There were only four councillors and the Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, at the meeting.

Cr. Crofts declared a pecuniary interest in the matter. "I live close to the shopping centre, and have always declared an interest in it at debates," he said.

Therefore he would have to withdraw from any discussion at the meeting, he said. And if he withdrew, there would not be a quorum for the meeting.

The town clerk, Mr. Syd Fell, suggested that the matter be held over until

the council had a quorum to discuss the request.

Mr. Fell, in his comments to the traders' letter, said the Road Safety and Traffic Authority had indicated traffic lights would be installed at the Civic Parade — Millers

Road intersection in the future.

"This will further complicate the parking and access problems applicable to the Civic Parade commercial area," he said.

Talkback on pioneer fire brigades

The west's early fire brigades will be the subject of a talkback gathering to the Altona Historical Society at The Homestead on Monday, March 21, at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public, and recontours for the evening will be well-informed veterans Mr. Jack Crittendon and Cr. Alan Shaw.

The Homestead is opposite Altona Library at 128 Queen Street.

Barry and Bob in

Apexians in Altona have added a Bob and a Barry to their triangle of friends.

Barry, father of three, is a motor mechanic who traversed Australia during his three months long service leave last year. Bob, married with two children is a public servant with the Construction Department, Maribyrnong.

Bob and Barry were welcomed to the Altona triangle by club president Bob Dickens.

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Council in brief

"Ashton Villa", at 64 Pascoe Street, Williamstown, has been declared of insufficient architectural or historical significance for listing on the Historic Buildings Register.

The decision, passed on the Williamstown Council last week, comes from the Ministry for Planning's classification sub-committee.

Board plan

The Board of Works has told councillors that work will soon begin on the construc-

tion of the first stage of the Paisley drain, between Kororoit Creek Road and Ross Road.

\$2600 grant

Mr. Alex Knight, M.L.S., announced last week that the Minister for Social Welfare has approved a grant of \$2600 towards the con-

tinued operation of their Williamstown Resource Centre at Newport.

St. Kilda Council has written to Williamstown to advise that it has resolved that the proposal to site the Newport power station at Newport is incorrect.

West meets East



Ms. Adelia Bernard, ex-Williamstown councillor, is one of the organisers of Ethnic '77, a promotion of migrant culture in Australia.

Last week a display of dances from various parts of the world was staged in the Footscray Mall,

and Dr. Nucro Ho, from China was one of the programme highlights.

Ms. Bernard, who is also chairman of the Western Region Community Relations Committee, was on hand to congratulate Dr. Ho after his performance.

Why do you go (or not) to church?

By JOHN DIXON

If a well-spoken, bright-eyed young man starts asking you questions about your church-going habits — or lack of them — he'll be executing a task entrusted to him by the Baptist Union of Victoria.

His name's Ross Langmead. He has been commissioned to investigate, report and make recommendations on church life in the west, with an emphasis on the Baptist Church.

Baptists open probe

With his wife, Allison, Ross (pictured), moved into the Williamstown Baptist Manse, in Melbourne Road, last week, to begin his assignment.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree; graduated last Wednesday at Melbourne University as a Master of Education and is a theology student at the same university.

His assignment will be part time until the end of this academic year, then become full time.

The term of the inquiry will be over 12 months.

The decision to commission the inquiry was made at a meeting in March last year of representatives of 12 Baptist churches in the western region, held at Es-sendon Baptist Church.

Ross's appointment was confirmed last month, at a joint meeting at Altona Baptist Church.

After finishing his inquiries, he will report on



and make recommendations to the Western Suburbs Baptist Conference on:

• The effectiveness of the present (Baptist) ministries being exercised in the west.

• The major needs in the church and the community to which the churches should be addressing themselves, in particular, needs unique to the western suburbs.

Sitting in the comfortable lounge at the Williamstown Manse, Ross explained how the decision to commission the inquiry was the result of concern at the decline in church attendance and interest generally.

His direct responsibility was to the Baptist Church, he said, but he was anxious to meet people connected with other churches throughout the west.

From this he could learn of action being taken by these churches and their off-shoot organisations, which would be valuable to his inquiry.

In return, he hoped the other churches would be able to again some benefit from the result of his inquiry and his recommendations.

The part of Ross Langmead's personality that comes across the most clearly in his sincerity and his obvious determination to make sure some good comes from the inquiry.

And, chatting to him, it is clear that while his Christian beliefs are deep-seated, he does not pro-

pose talking only to people connected with the churches.

He's anxious to become involved with the various communities of the western suburbs; to find out why the people who go to church do so; why those who do not, do not; how many people have Christian beliefs...

And above all to try and encourage interest in the church, again, of course, with an emphasis on the Baptist Church, but on a broad, inter-denominational scale also.

Ross Langmead realises he has a difficult and complex job ahead of him.

But if determination and sincerity achieve success, the church in the west, as a whole, will benefit from the assignment.

Health care group forms

A Williamstown group of the Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria is to be formed.

The group aims at improving health care programmes for people suffering from arthritis, and improving support for their families, especially in the areas of education, treatment and rehabilitation.

All interested people will be welcome at a meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Uren, 32 Forster Street, Williamstown at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, March 21.

Guest speaker will be Mr. George Eddington, a physiotherapist. Further information is available from Mrs. Uren on 397 5806.

Domestic fight ends in court

A "venomous vocal dressing down" from his wife resulted in Thomas Star Murphy's first appearance in court on Thursday.

Murphy, Williamstown court was told, was caught by police driving his wife's car in Douglas Parade, Williamstown, at 1.10 a.m., on February 25.

He was wearing his pyjamas.

He also admitted to Constable Hans Verschuur, that he hadn't a driver's licence.

Const. Verschuur told Mr. D. Scully, SM, on Thursday, that Murphy was driving at 80 kmh down Douglas Parade.

"When he answered my questions, his words were slurred, and when he got out of the car, he fell over," the policeman said.

Murphy, 29, of Bronte Court, Williamstown, pleaded not guilty to charges of driving with a blood alcohol level exceeding .05, exceeding the 60 kmh speed limit and unlicensed driving.

In a statement he gave at the police station, Murphy said he had been drinking beer that night, but couldn't say just how much he had drunk.

A blood alcohol reading taken at 1.45 a.m. showed .235.

He said in explanation of his blood alcohol reading, that he had had a "fight with the wife."

Mr. Boyle, for Murphy, told the court his client

lived with his wife and children aged four and one in a Housing Commission flat in Bronte Court.

"On the night of his apprehension, my client went to a birthday get-together after work. He drank more than is his habit.

"He works at the Naval Dockyards and usually gets a lift home with a workmate. But on this occasion he stayed at the hotel for 2½ hours.

"He was then driven home...

"When he got home his wife, who has been suffering from nerves and on that day had a headache, berated him rather venomously — both of them

had told me that.

"He had a couple of extra drinks, because he had the flu as well... he drank three glasses of overproof rum, something he is not used to.

"The fight was not patched up by bedtime, and they agreed he should sleep on the lounge floor.

"I don't know if you're familiar with Housing Commission flats, Your Worship, but in them there is nowhere one can retreat to in times like this one.

"My client was in bed, but unable to go to sleep because of the upset of the evening and the row continuing to simmer.

"He was upset, and decided he had to go out to speak to someone — but

there was no one he could talk to within walking distance.

"But his brother lives in Newport. And my client made his big mistake by taking his wife's car to seek consolation with his brother.

"After discussing the discord with his brother for two hours, he headed home again, but decided, despite the lateness of the hour to call in to see his mother in Cecil Street, Williamstown.

"He was on his way there when the police apprehended him. I would like to point out that my client was not blatantly disregarding the law.

Murphy was fined \$150 for unlicensed driving, \$100 for .05 and \$40 for exceeding 60 kmh.

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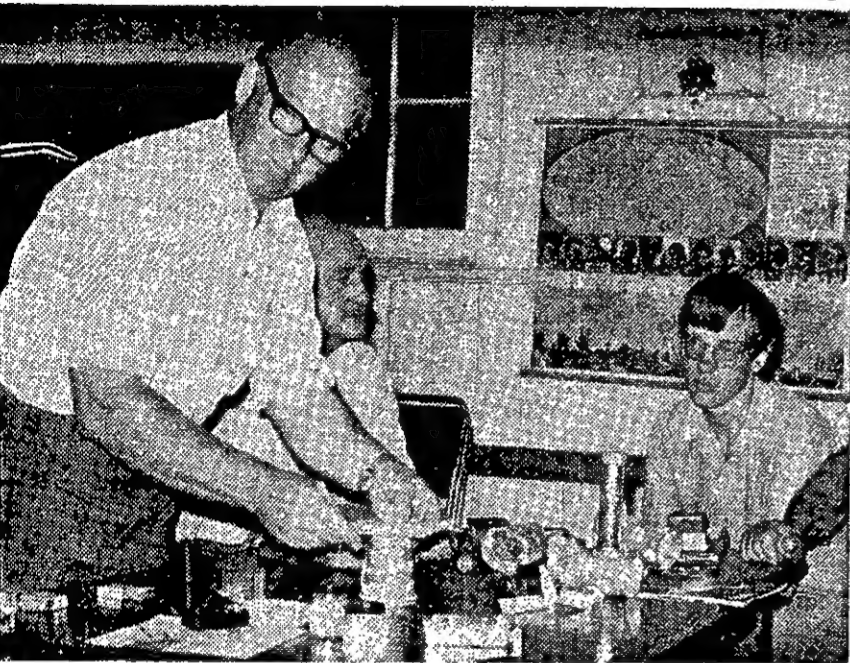
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● George and Betty Ross and daughter Fiona, 23, with the family's van and prime mover.



Cards in cafe: \$150

Allowing cards to be played in his Footscray cafe cost a West Newport man a \$150 fine at Footscray Court last Thursday, or 15 days' imprisonment.

And the eight men who were playing cards will each have to pay \$30 or go to jail for three days. Zarva Koffman, of Merles Street, West Newport did not appear in court, neither did his customers.

Senior Constable Norman Kennedy, of the Licensing and Gaming Squad said he and other police went to Koffman's cafe, in Victoria Street, Footscray about 11.20 pm last September 29.

They found eight men playing cards for money and Koffman said he was in charge of the cafe.

Koffman was convicted of conducting a common gaming house and the other eight of being found in a common gaming house.

Social day

A social afternoon for past voluntary helpers for meals at Newport will be held in the Newport Baptist hall, Mason Street, Newport on Monday, April 2.

Guest of honor will be Mr. Larry Code. People wishing to attend should contact Mrs. D. Porter, 75 River Street, Newport before Wednesday, April 13.

Flashback

Quick as a flash was this picture of Trevor Young lecturing to Williamstown Camera Club on flash photography.

Fanfares of flickering, flashbulbs bounced from wall to wall as he carried out his demonstrations.

The picture, by photography enthusiast Mrs. M. Wyatt, shows Harry Johnston and Peter Henderson looking on.

Camera enthusiasts meet every first and third Thursday in the Methodist Church, Hall, Pascoe Street, Williamstown, at 7.45 pm.

People interested in joining the club can contact Mrs. M. Johnston (398 1978) or Mrs. M. Wyatt (314 8091).

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Supervan that has the lot

George Ross of Junction Street, Newport, is nothing short of a perfectionist — and he has a mobile home which cost close to \$20,000 to prove it.

When he decided to take off on a round-Australia holiday with his family, George, a retired truck driver, couldn't find a caravan that suited him.

So he set out on a year-long project to build what he wanted.

The Ross family now have what must be just about the best caravan in Australia.

There isn't a housewife who has circumnavigated Australia in a caravan who wouldn't envy George's wife, Betty, the kitchen.

There is a full-size refrigerator and stove, both gas, washing machine, clothes dryer and dishwasher, all 240 volt electric.

For preparing food there's a kitchen tool many housewives have probably never seen. The power unit is mounted under the bench, and all the attachments stored in an overhead cupboard — clip into recess in the bench when in use.

A garbage-disposal unit (240 volt electric) takes care of the scraps.

There is no shortage of storage space, but the bar, under one corner of the kitchen bench may be a little crowded, so George built a non-spill, revolving stand to hold bottles.

You spin the stand until you see the bottle you want.

There's full headroom for a basketball player throughout the van.

The lounge features a hi-fi sound system with a big library of cassettes. There is a library of books.

The ablutions block lacks nothing.

The wall between it and the kitchen hides the full size gas hot-water system and there is a hand basin, big shower recess and chemical toilet.

The master bedroom has a full-size dressing table.

A three-room annexe hadn't arrived when the Star-Advertiser saw the van last week.

George first bought himself an old semi-trailer as a basis for the unit, but his perfectionist nature came to the fore and it was soon rejected.

It won't be wasted. It will store his household goods and will be towed to him later when the family decide where they will settle after seeing the whole country.

George wasn't happy with the basic chassis set-up of the trailer he bought — so he built his own.

It gave him the opportunity to build the en-

trance a little lower, and from inside there is a step up to the lounge that will sit over the primemover's turntable when travelling.

The whole van is about 6½ tons, and it will be pulled by a 4½ ton Bedford diesel — but most of its weight will sit on its own tandem rear axles.

The Bedford, specially matched up, has a long chassis and a tray between cab and turntable will carry the Honda diesel generator and tools.

Tanks on the truck give a range of 800 miles.

The big annexe will travel on a huge pack rack on the back half of the van.

With George and Betty Ross will travel their children Fiona 23, Malcolm, 21, Kirsty, 19, and Luana, 15.

Malcolm will drive a four-wheel drive Daihatsu pulling a camper trailer with accommodation for one-night stops.

The convoy will have an inflatable boat and outboard motor and a trail bike.

George has hopes of settling "somewhere north of Brisbane".

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New high school for Laverton

Williamstown Grammar School plans to build a new non-denominational secondary school in Sayers Road, North Laverton.

Officials expect to have the school ready to take students next year — and have called for applications for enrolment of Form 1 students.

Interested parents can ring the school on 391 2859.

The chairman of the school council, Mr D. H. Thomas, described the project as an important event in the history of the western suburbs.

The project will cost a total of \$2 million, but grants and loans have already assured all but about \$150,000.

Donations are being sought from prospective parents, western businesses and members of the public to cover this amount.

Mr. Thomas officially launched the building fund appeal, for gifts to be spread over five years. Already 13 people have promised \$17,000.

The patron of the appeal is Mr N. R. Hudson, M.L.A.

Donations will be tax deductible, and children of donors will be given priority for places in the new school. Companies or individuals giving \$2000 or more will be life governors.

The plans were announced at a dinner in Melbourne last Thursday at which the guest speaker was author, journalist and commentator, Mr. Rohan Rivett.

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Altona house broken into

Laverton CIB believes children are responsible for a housebreaking in Altona North earlier this month.

Goods to the value of about \$400 were stolen from a house in Misten Avenue.

Among the items missing are a tape recorder, brass bell-ornament, man's gold watch, leather wallet containing \$143 in cash, a transistor radio, a white gold diamond bracelet, a milky blue opal and a quantity of cheap jewellery.

Detective Sergeant J. T. Gilbee, who is investigating the theft, said entry was gained through the kitchen window.

He said he would like to hear from any parents whose children have any of the property mentioned.

A pair of size nine brown leather children's gloves were left in the house.

The telephone numbers of Laverton CIB are 399 2441 or 399 3114.

Red Cross Calling

Volunteers are still needed in the west for the annual house-to-house Red Cross Appeal, which is on March 19 and 20 this year.

It is a State-wide appeal, called "Red Cross Calling", and its success depends on the number of local volunteer callers available.

The director of the appeal, Mr. Ron Jones, said: "If anyone can help on either of these days for just one or two hours we would be delighted to hear from them."

Volunteers can call Red Cross headquarters at 122 Flinders Street on 63 4331.

'Tatting' art lessons

A series of classes in the old art of "tatting" will begin this month at the Wood Street Drop-In Centre, in West Newport.

Tatting is closely aligned to crochet work and results in a lace-like finish to materials.

The decision to start the tatting classes was made when, during the successful crochet classes that have been under way for some time, a woman tatting attracted interest.

She agreed to pass on her knowledge and the classes will begin on Wednesday, March 23, between 10 am and 2 pm. They will be held weekly. The crochet classes will continue.

A cooking demonstration organised by Metro Research is planned at the centre, which is conducted by Westgate Church, on April 20.

The centre has just bought a bulk supply of arts and crafts materials and is seeking the assistance of a demonstrator or teacher in this field.

The materials are for leatherwork, floral art, making soft toys, lampshades and various other crafts.

ROSE SOCIETY'S AUTUMN SHOW

The Rose Society of Victoria will hold its Autumn Show in the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday April 6 from 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

More than 5000 roses, of all types and varieties and from all parts of Australia and overseas will be on display.

An added attraction will be floral art featuring roses.

Advice on roses and rose culture is available at the show from qualified rosarians who will staff an information table. People will be able to

join the Rose Society at the show, and new members will receive the feature-packed 1977 Australian Rose Annual.

Commercial nurserymen will arrange rose displays, and visitors will be able to order next season's roses at the show.

Proceeds from the show and the sale of flowers will go to the Royal Children's Hospital.

The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Osborne will officially open the show at 3 pm, and admission is 60 cents, pensioners 30 cents, children free.

Gems to jewels

Gemstone enthusiasts are reminded of the "Gemstones to Jewellery '77" exposition at Yarraville Community Centre, Francis Street, Yarraville, this weekend.

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DEATHS

FAICHNEY. — On March 13th at Western General Hospital, Rona Marie, of Queen St., Altona. Dearly loved wife of Edwin (Ted). Loved and loving mother of Lynne and Karyn. Loved and remembered always.

FAICHNEY, Rona. — Dearly loved daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stewart. Loved sister of Yvonne (Mrs. Smith), Joan (Mrs. Malbon), Fond sister-in-law of Arthur and Ron, loving Aunt of Alan and Christine. **FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.**

IN MEMORIAM

CONROY, William George (Susie). — Passed away 12th March 1970. Sunshine passes, Shadows fall, Loving memories outlast all. Loving wife Molly.

CURRAN, Mark. — In loving memory of my loved husband Mark, died 19/3/1971. The things we all shared, The memories we all had will last forever. Your loving wife Ollie.

CURRAN, Mark. — Passed away 19th March 1971. Days have gone by and years will pass, But memories of a wonderful father Will always last. Loving son Jim, daughter-in-law Cathy and loving Pop of Dennis, Dianne John and David.

CURRAN, Mark David. — Passed away March 19th, 1971. We speak your name, We think of you often, Deep in our hearts, You will never be forgotten. Your loving son Peter, daughter-in-law Betty, Peter, Carol, Lee, Ian and Judi (dec.).

MACKRILL, Sergeant Ian. — Late RAAF. Treasured memories of our beloved son and brother, passed away 19/3/57. So dearly loved, So sadly missed. Your loving mum and dad, Bruce and Douglas.

THOMPSON, Bill. — Passed away 18/3/76. Ever Remembered — Peg, Barry, Yvonne Zoe, Jacinta.

ENGAGEMENTS

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The play will be staged at the Altona Civic Centre on April 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, starting at 8.15 p.m. Lorna Kirwood-Jones, who has directed plays for both the Williamstown Little Theatre and the Altona City Theatre, is producing the play.

Many new faces will be seen in the play, including Lorrie McManus in the female lead role of Denise Darvel.

Other cast members include: Don Joiner, Peter Menetti, Norm Jackson, Cathy Williams, Eileen Mostyn, Norman Bernard, Irene Stephenson, Ken Robinson, Paul Anthony, Sue Athony, Lucienne and Malcolm Graham, Jean-Pierre.

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S. Fell, TOWN CLERK.

CITY OF ALTONA

KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR

(Temporary Position)

Applications closing 12 noon on Tuesday March 29, are invited from qualified ladies for the position of Temporary Kindergarten Director at the Council's Kindergarten at 4 Somers Parade.

The successful applicant will be required to commence duties at the commencement of second term, 1977. The position is available until the close of the 1977 kindergarten year.

Salary: Award rate plus Council margin of \$8 per week.

S. Fell,
TOWN CLERK

CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN

MUNICIPAL RECREATION OFFICER

Applications addressed to the undersigned are invited for the above position closing 23rd March, 1977.

The Recreation Officer will be responsible for developing and co-ordinating recreation services for all sections of the community. Emphasis will be required to be given to the needs of those sections of the community which are identified as having inadequate recreational opportunities, in particular women, migrants and handicapped persons.

Salary will be within the range \$10,186 to \$10,631 which includes council's service increment (\$799.76 in first year of employment).

Further information is available from and inquiries should be directed to, The Social Planner, Mr. R. Sercombe on 397 1800.

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CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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Training sessions for the co-ordinators have been arranged. Initially employment will be on the basis of 2 DAYS PER WEEK.

Applications close 5 pm, Wednesday, 23rd March, 1977.

Please apply in writing to: Town Clerk (Elect.), City of Williamstown, Municipal Offices, 104 Ferguson Street, WILLIAMSTOWN, 3016. For further information contact Vivien Routley on 397 1800.

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ANA HIT 363 IN MAMMOTH WIN

A mammoth total of 363 runs gave Newport ANA cricketers a good win over Altona North on the weekend.

ANA resumed on Monday at 3/127, with Askew and Becroft sharing a partnership of 98 before Becroft was dismissed with the score at 196.

Askew batted through partnerships with all remaining batsmen before he

was finally dismissed for a magnificent 131, which included six fours and a six. He was the last man out, with the total at 363.

Altona North began their second innings badly, as Geoff "the horse" Hor-

sburch crashed through for two early wickets.

However, patient batting by Costello, and a fine knock by Kellow gave both men half-centuries.

In an impressive performance, spinner Gary Hughes troubled all batsmen, and picked up five scalps before North were dismissed for 145, giving ANA a win by an innings and 148 runs.

DETAILS

ANA 363 (Knight 48, Ware 28, Askew 131, Becroft 50, McDonald 22, Horsburgh 21, Hughes 18, Hart 4/65) d. Altona North 70 (Horsburgh 7/28) and 145 (Costello 52, Kellow 52, Hughes 5/34, Horsburgh 3/50).

ANA will now meet Brunswick Districts in the grand final of North A at McAllister Oval, Royal Park next Saturday and Sunday, and again the following Sunday.

A top class battle seems certain between two very powerful combinations, with ANA hoping to make it two premierships in succession.

Altona Little Athletics

Altona Little Athletics Centre continued its championship competition on Saturday. This weekend will be the last day of the titles before presentations are made on Saturday, March 26.

RESULTS. GIRLS

UNDER-7 long jump: K. Sheriffs (A) 1, C. Thompson (W) 2, C. Tabb (W) 3.

UNDER-8 shot put: N. Height (W) 1, L. Glynn (AN) 2, S. Arnold (A) 3.

UNDER-9, long jump: D. Harrison (A) 1, A. Jumpertz (SM) 2, K. McInerney (SM) 3. 100m: M. Apap (SM) 1, M. Osbourne (W) 2, A. Jumpertz (SM) 3.

UNDER-10, high jump: L. Magnabosco (SM) 1. 100m: L. Magnabosco (SM) 1, S. Richards (AE) 2, C. Tabone (A) 3. Discus: L. Magnabosco (SM) 1, K. Glynn (AN) 2, S. Wilson (W) 3.

UNDER-11, 100m: L. Thompson (W) 1, M. Canji (W) 2. Shot put: H. Crofts (S) 1, M. Canji (W) 2, L. Thompson (W) 3. 800m: J. Smith (1/4) 1.

UNDER-12, 100m: A. Canji (W) 1, J. Polwarth (AN) 2, C. Osbourne (W) 3. Discus: J. Daly (W) 1, C. Saunders (AN) 2, S. Ferguson (W) 3. 800m: J. Daly

(W) 1, J. Sheriffs (A) 2, S. Ferguson (W) 3.

BOYS

UNDER-7, 400m walk: J. Williams (W) 1, D. Chetcuti (AN) 2, S. Stewart (S) 3. 200m: L. Wenlock (SM) 1, S. Norton (AN) 2, D. Pendlewick (SM) 3.

UNDER-8, 400m walk: S. Plevnik (AN) 1, J. Reardon (AE) 2, C. Daly (W) 3. 200m: J. Ferguson (W) 1, Tomlinson (AN) 2, S. Plevnik (AN) 3.

UNDER-9, 800m walk: R. Hyde (W) 1, S. Tabb (W) 2, M. Anderson (SM) 3. 200m: B. Lowe (AN) 1, J. Polwarth (AN) 2, D. Bryden (S) 3. Shot putt: D. Bryden (S) 1, D. Johnson (A) 2, J. East (AN) 3.

UNDER-10, 200m: R. Bleakley (W) 1, J. Neal (A) 2, P. Rice (A) 3. 800m: R. Bleakley (W) 1, D. Green (W) 2, P. Leslie (W) 3.

UNDER-11, 1500m walk: D. Brown (W) 1, S. Empey (AN) 2, S. Daly (W) 3. Triple jump: P. Menzies (AN) 1, D. Lees (S) 2, G. Ward (S) 3. 200m: P. Menzies (AN) 1, N. La Rosa (AN) 2, G. Ward (S) 3. Shot putt: D. Griffiths (S) 1, T. Mayne (AN) 2, D. Strickland (A) 3.

UNDER-12 triple jump: A. Reed (S) 1, D. Neuwert (S) 2, G. Lowe (AN) 3. 200m: G. Lowe (AN) 1, S. Miller (SM) 2. 800m: D. Hyde (W) 1, A. Reed (S) 2, M. Bleakley (W) 3. 400m: R. Shewan (W) 1, S. Miller (SM) 2, S. Harrison (A) 3.

Gulls v. Bees on Sunday

Seagulls will invade Werribee's Chirnside Park this Sunday for three practice matches against the Bees.

The main game will start at 2.15 p.m. with curtain raisers at 10 am (thirds) and noon (seconds).

Chirnside Park is suitable for picnics so a large crowd is expected. Film of last year's Grand Final against Mordialloc will be screened tomorrow (Thursday) night in the town hall supper room, starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 (adults) and 50 cents (minors).

The Gulls will take on Brunswick in a twilight match at Brunswick Oval next Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m.

Players had a training run last Saturday's morning.

Rams: three teams make the finals

The final baseball series for 1976-77 began on Sunday, with Newport getting three teams into the grand finals.

The A1 team will compete in its first semi-final against Sandringham next weekend.

Sunday's results:

Div. 3 East: The thirds began well, scoring seven runs in the first frame, but later allowed Springvale to score 10 runs. Newport d Springvale 13-12. Safe hits: Merriman, Armstrong 2, Deveson, Butlin, Hanby.

Div. 3 West: The rams were eliminated from the finals when they were beaten by Blackburn 14-12.

Juniors: The under-17

team recorded a great win at the expense of Footscray. Newport d Footscray 16-6. Safe hits: Maher 3, Mildenhall 2, Ainslie, Hundson, Cooper, A. Bunting. Best: Bunting, Maher, Mildenhall.

Under-15: The team was completely outclassed by top side Preston, and were knocked out of the finals 2-20.

Under-13A: The Rams put their game together on Sunday and demoralised Footscray to win 240 to advance into the grand final.

Safe hits: Douglas (four home runs), Mann 3 (two home runs), Minett,

Cleary, Butlin 2, Phillips, Malthouse.

The largest gathering of sabre class yachts ever seen in the bay gathered at Altona over the long weekend to contest the 1976-77 Victorian titles.

More than 80 yachts took part in the events, run from the Altona Yacht Club.

The club is celebrating its 25th birthday this year and held its anniversary get-together at the Finnish

Hall, in Pier Street recently.

● Pictured, at the evening are, from left: Altona's Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, the club commodore, Mr. Graham Caterer, and Williams-town MLA, Mr. Gordon Stirling.

TABLE TENNIS

"Ping-pong" enthusiasts have until Tuesday, April 12, to enter the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association winter pennant competition. Entry forms are available at the table tennis centre in Garden Street, Williamstown (which opens at 7 pm). The winter pennant series will start on Monday, May 2.

The junior pennant series will run in conjunction with the winter pennant (7.30 pm to 9.30 pm Monday to Friday).

Monday night coaching by top players will start on March 21.

Summer pennant finalists are: (A reserves), Naval Dockyards v Williamstown High School; Spotswood v Altona West; (B grade) CFC v Williamstown Seagulls; Rebels v Gellibrand; (C grade) Altona v Hicks Timbers; Williamstown High School v East Footscray; (D grade) Seaweed City v WAAC; Braybrook Sweats v Celts; (E grade) WHS Malakunas v Rebels; Seddon CC v Altona S. Army.

Summer pennant aggregate winners: J. Scott (A grade); P. Berry (A reserves); S. Colubenko (B grade); I. Schofield (C grade); S. Willis (D grade); B. Gerada (E grade).

AWMC do well in last bowls

In the last pennant round for the season the Altona WMC Bowls Club put up a good effort to win two of the three games.

RSL bowlers end with win

Spotswood Kingsville RSL bowlers ended their season with a great win by the B Grade side over ICI-Deer Park, 137-70.

The best rink was led by I. Thorgenson.

The services day was held on Sunday, and 19 teams took part. Honors on the day went to the Army. The winning rink was Altona RSL, and runner-up was Sunshine City.

The annual meeting of the RSL Club will be on Thursday, March 24, at 8 p.m. and all financial members have been asked to attend.

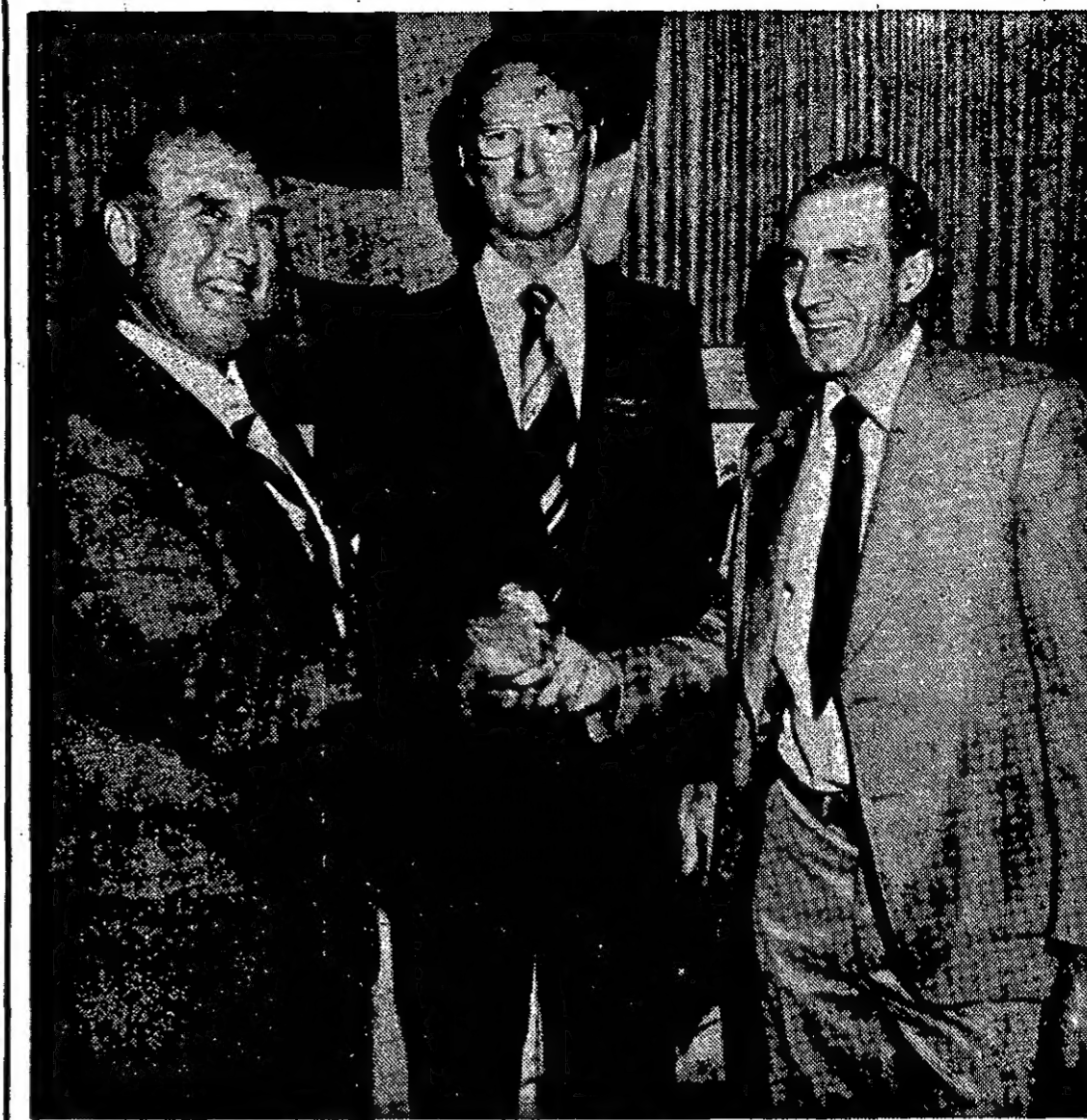
A4 d. Victoria Club, 102-98. Best rink: B. Yates (s), W. Dutton, R. Bruce, I. Findlay.

C1 lost to Preston, 52-83. Best rink: E. Sharp (s), J. Harrison, B. Grenville, S. Murrell.

C2 d. Aberfeldie 83-70. Best rink: J. Rivett (s), W. Spence, V. Cater, R. Allen. Women's president day winners: J. Banks, J. Frazer, R. Ralph, I. Tangey.

Sunday social: B. Pugley (s), W. Sharp, R. Hewitt.

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PLAN APPROACH SHOTS TO ALLOW SIMPLE PUTTS



There is a slight advantage in putting up to, rather than down to, the hole. On uphill putts the back edge of the hole is higher than the front. Firmly struck putts will hit the higher back edge and still drop. A downhill putt struck too firmly will not only fail to hold the cup, but also will run past.

I suggest you plan your approach shots to finish below the hole whenever possible. If you really want to cut it fine, plan to finish below the hole and in a spot offering a straight-in putt...not a side-hiller.

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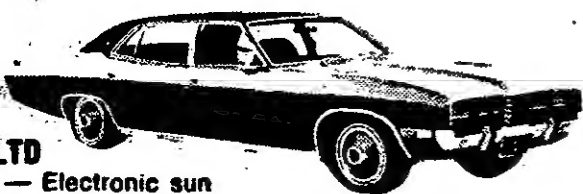
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